Defence Air accidents

205. SHRI T.T.V. DHINAKARAN: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Air accidents in Defence during the last three years, year-wise;

(b) the number of accidents in which human error was found to be the reasons; and

(c) the steps taken to provide training/refresher course to the pilots to minimise human error factor?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE): (a) A total number of 68 aircraft of Defence Forces have crashed during the last three years. Year-wise details is as under:

Year	No. of accidents
2002-2003	29
2003-2004	22
2004-2005	17

(b) 21 accidents were due to human error.

(c) The Defence Forces have initiated the following measures to provide training/refresher courses to the pilots to enhance flight safety and minimise the human error factor:—

(i) Constant reviews of flight safety of operational/maintenance units through inspections and training.

(ii) Simulators are increasingly being used for training of pilots.

(iii) Analysis of specific accidents/incidents is undertaken and circulated to units in the form of Reports.

(iv) Focussed training prior to commencement of difficult operational phases of flying has been implemented.

(v) Pilots found weak in specific areas are retained.

(vi) Dissemination of material on safety concepts through Flight Safety Jounrals.